

MANSFIELD AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
DRAFT Minutes of September 7, 2010 meeting  
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building  
Conference Room C, 7:30 p.m.

1. Chairman Al Cyr called the meeting to order at 7:35.

PRESENT: Al Cyr, Charlie Galgowski, Bill Palmer, Ed Wazer, Raluca Molcanu, Vicky Wetherell, Meredith Poehlitz, Larry Lombard, Jennifer Kaufman

2. Minutes of the August 3, 2010, meeting were approved.

**Old Business**

3. Farm Tax Options Update

Subcommittee members have gathered information from assessors in other towns. They will report to the committee at the October meeting.

4. Agriculture Zoning Update

Charlie and Jennifer have met with Greg Padick, who will draft regulations for review by the subcommittee. Next review will be by the Agriculture Committee at their October meeting, then other organizations, such as the Farm Bureau. The draft regulations (with any revisions) will then be forwarded to Greg and PZC for review before a public hearing.

5. Presentation to the Town Council

Presentation is scheduled for September 27. A meeting to finalize presenters, etc. will be scheduled before then. To accommodate the number of persons interested in participating in the Agriculture Committee, the committee agreed to propose a committee structure that includes members, alternates and consultants.

**New Business**

7. Farm tax presentations

Jennifer announced that the Farm Bureau will present a program for assessors and the agriculture community about the 490 program on October 12 at the Buchanan Center. The committee agreed to cosponsor this program.

An overview of all farm tax programs will be part of an AGvocate meeting on November 29 in Hampton. A flyer will be sent to the local farming community about both of these programs.

8. Items for future agendas

October meeting: Reports by agriculture zoning and farm tax subcommittees

November meeting: Review of agricultural lease policy, TLGV Foodshed Plan

December meeting: Review agriculture lease reports

Joint meeting with the Sustainability Committee, date TBD

9. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.